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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF DOD POLITICO-
MILITARY POSITIONS

REF: (A) STATE 85898; (B) STATE 66110

1. I HAVE CONSIDERED FURTHER THE QUESTION RAISED IN
REFTEL A CONCERNING THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO
ESTABLISH A POLITICO-MILITARY POSITION AT THIS POST TO
WORK IN THE FIELD OF ARMS COOPERATION AND STANDARIZATION/INTEROPERABILITY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO US
TACTICAL R&D PROGRAMS AND ACQUISITION POLICY. IN THE
LIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS EXPRESSED IN STATE 66110
CONCERNING OVERSEAS AMERICAN STAFFING LEVELS, I BELIEVE
THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN THE MODE FRAMEWORK.
I FIND NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH A STAFF INCREASE IN
PARIS AT THIS TIME.

2. THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS THREE SENIOR FIELD
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GRADE OFFICERS (0-6) AND THREE CIVILIAN SECRETARIES IN
THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION AT THIS POST. ODC IS
RESPONSIBLE AMONG OTHER THINGS FOR CARRYING OUT THE
DUTIES DESCRIBED IN SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER IN
REFTEL A, COORDINATING WITH THE POLITICAL-MILITARY
OFFICER. I HAVE STRONG VIEWS REGARDING THE REDUNDANCY
OF PRESENT STAFFING, WHICH I AM COVERING IN A

SEPARATE TELEGRAM. IF THE PRESENT LARGE ODC COMPLEMENT
AT THIS POST IS NOT PERFORMING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSES'S SATISFACTION, AT A TIME WHEN I FIND THAT
OFFICIALS SUBSTANTIALLY UNDER-EMPLOYED, THERE IS
ASSUREDLY NO NEED FOR A STAFF INCREASE.

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